

## Did Youknow?

## Hazards of the Fall

Longer nights and shorter days bring new hazards.

In addition to darkness descending over the rush hour and reducing visibility during the busiest times on the road, there are other hazards associated with the changing of the season:

Leaves covering the road create a slippery mess. Beware of wet leaves that will be as slick as ice. Especially at night, leaves may hide the shoulder or lines on the road.

Although striking deer is a hazard year-round, the peak time is between October and December during mating season and the deer are mobile.

Slow down and remain attentive, particularly close to dusk and dawn. Where there is one deer, there are usually more.

If a deer is in the road, brake to slow or stop. Do not swerve out of your lane as a collision with another vehicle or object can cause more damage than a deer. Release the brake pedal just before impact to keep the front of your vehicle high and avoid the deer crashing into the windshield.

